



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 1 and 9, as shown below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A telephone set comprising:

at least one handset, and

a notifying / instructing unit used to make an instruction to continuously notify a user via a voice receiving section of said handset that an awaiting state is kept at a time of a response to an incoming call until a voice of a party placing said call is heard through ~~said or~~ said voice receiving section of said handset wherein said waiting state is a time period between the detection of an off-hook signal and when the user is able to hear the voice of a caller.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The telephone set according to Claim 1, wherein said notifying / instructing unit is used to make an instruction to transmit a predetermined signal voice and to continuously notify said user that said awaiting state is kept until said voice of said party placing said call is heard.

Claim 3 (original): The telephone set according to Claim 2, further comprising a unit used to generate said predetermined signal voice.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The telephone set according to Claim 1, wherein said notifying / instructing unit is used to make an instruction to transmit a predetermined display signal and to continuously notify said user that said awaiting state is kept until said voice of said party placing said call is heard.

Claim 5 (original): The telephone set according to Claim 4, further comprising a unit used to generate said predetermined display signal.

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Claim 6 (previously presented): The telephone set according to Claim 1, wherein said notifying / instructing unit, after having stopped transmission of said incoming call at said time of said response to said incoming call, notifies said user continuously that said awaiting state is kept until said voice of said party placing said call is heard.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The telephone set according to Claim 6, wherein said notifying / instructing unit, after said transmission of said incoming call has been stopped by an off-hook operation of said handset at said time of said response to said incoming call, continuously notifies said user that said awaiting state is kept until said voice of said party placing said call is heard.

Claim 8 (original): The telephone set according to Claim 1, wherein said telephone set is used for an internet protocol telephone set to transmit and receive a voice signal to and from a packet network using an internet protocol.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method of a response to an incoming call via a telephone set comprising:

receiving a call through a handset; and

instructing said telephone set to continuously notify a user via a voice receiving section of said handset of an awaiting state until a voice of a party placing said call is heard wherein said waiting state is a time period between the detection of an off-hook signal and when the user is able to hear the voice of a caller.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The method of the response to the incoming call according to Claim 9, further comprising a step of making an instruction to transmit a predetermined signal voice and to continuously notify said user that said awaiting state is kept until said voice of said party placing said call is heard.

Claim 11 (original): The method of the response to the incoming call according to Claim 10, further comprising a step of instructing said predetermined signal voice to be transmitted to a unit used to generate said predetermined signal voice.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The method of the response to the incoming call according to Claim 9, further comprising a step of making an instruction to transmit a predetermined display signal and to continuously notify said user that said awaiting state is kept until said voice of said party placing said call is heard.

Claim 13 (original): The method of the response to the incoming call according to Claim 12, further comprising a step of instructing a unit to generate said predetermined display signal to transmit said predetermined display signal.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The method of the response to the incoming call according to Claim 9, further comprising a step of continuously notifying said user, after having stopped a transmission of said incoming call at said time of said response to said incoming call, that said awaiting state is kept until said voice of said party placing said call is heard.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The method of the response to the incoming call according to Claim 14, further comprising a step of notifying said user continuously, after said transmission of said incoming call has been stopped by an off-hook operation of said handset at said time of said response to said incoming call, that said awaiting state is kept until said voice of said party placing said call is heard.

Claim 16 (original): The method of the response to the incoming call according to Claim 9, further comprising a step of using said telephone set for an internet protocol telephone

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